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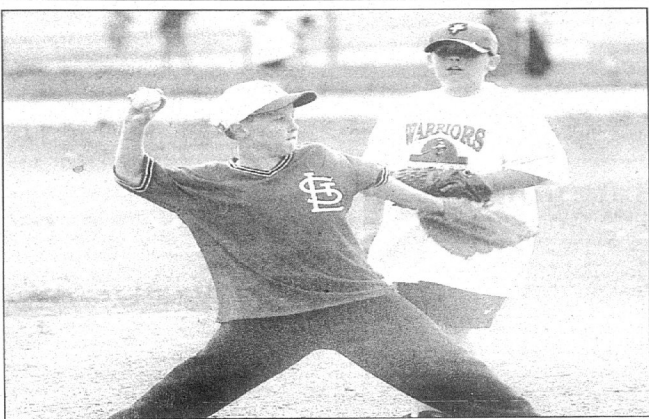
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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Ryan Jones, 10, throws to first while playing shortstop during practice at Wilson Park, as teammate Nick Brawley, 11, moves in to back him up at second base.

Parks gear up for summer

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

As summer approaches, volunteers and employees at Wilson Park in Granite City are busily preparing activities for children and adults in the community.

Sixteen types of activities are on the list of programs that will be available to youths and adults, said David Polivick, director of Parks and Recreation.

"Fees will be outlined in pamphlets we're going to be giving to the schools in late

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Businesses ignore Pontoon licenses

75 have not paid for this year

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

Members of the Ad-hoc Committee of the Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees learned Tuesday that 75 businesses in the community had not paid for their business licenses for 1997.

Deputy Comptroller Pam Kaskeski, who informed the committee about the business licenses, also said that of the 75, 29 have not paid for their business licenses for two or more years.

Also, 25 businesses lacked ordinances accurately giving guidelines for the businesses, Kaskeski said.

Committee Chairman and Village Board Trustee Randy Presswood recommended the ordinances be given to Village Attorney Keith Jensen, who would determine the legal way to update the ordinances.

"I suggest that we start (collecting the fees) by sending a nice letter telling the businesses to please get a license, starting with the current year, and get nasty next year."

— Gus Falter
Trustee

"Everyone that does business in Pontoon Beach should have a business license," said committee member and Trustee Gus Falter. "I

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Chase ends in arrest

Police dog helps capture alleged car thief

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City and St. Louis police arrested an alleged car thief early Wednesday morning after a car chase that reached speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour.

The suspect, a 24-year-old St. Louis man, was captured in the city of St. Louis at about 5 a.m. Wednesday after Granite City police K-9 officer Sparky cornered him in a yard. He was being held Wednesday until formal charges could be filed.

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The gavel is passed

After 50 years of public service, Belcoff passes Madison's reins on to John Hamm

By Mike Myers
Correspondent

Four-term Mayor John Belcoff brought 50 years of public service to an end Tuesday, passing the gavel to incoming Mayor John Hamm.

"I want to be the first to congratulate John (Hamm) and tell everyone we have a mayor who will carry this wonderful city into the 21st Century," Belcoff said.

Belcoff said the city is growing stronger every day and its financial future couldn't be brighter. In just a few years, he said, "the golden egg that was the Chain of Rocks Bridge will seem like nothing." The city-owned toll bridge was its major source of income for many years before the new Interstate 270 bridges made it obsolete.

"In a final word, I want everyone to know the (city) property tax for this year has dropped all the way to \$1,763.7 and next year it will be a whole lot less," Belcoff said.

Hamm presented Belcoff with a plaque from the city and the city employees presented Belcoff with a clock.

Hamm, City Clerk Sharon Cass and aldermen Eleanor Armour, Ron Grzywacz, Michael Vrabec and Kelvin Gardner were sworn in by Circuit Judge Lawrence Keshner. After the ceremonies, Hamm got down to the business of appointing a new administration.



Belcoff



Hamm

Steve Hamsey was appointed to fill the aldermanic seat formerly held by Hamm. Al Paskus was appointed, for 60 days, as temporary city treasurer. The council eliminated the elected treasurer position last year — effective following the April election — and Paskus has been serving as the city makes a transition to an expanded duty controller.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Rehab — Volunteers sponsored by St. Elizabeth Medical Center give the home of Olga Kube in Madison a thorough rehab during Christmas in April. While the men on the roof replaced the soffit and repainted the eaves, volunteers on the ground were installing a handrail around the porch. More photos on Page 5A.

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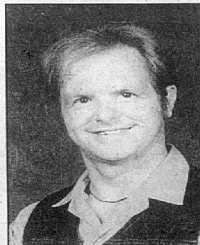
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John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
66 48	70 51	72 55	74 57

Faces

Gerald Lindsey



Gerald Lindsey of Granite City has been offered a recording contract from Majestic Records of Linden, Texas and Ramsey Hearney of Nashville, Tenn., for the lyrics to his song "Double Lovin' Guarantee."

Lindsey, an accomplished poet, has published several songs and poems in the past, including "You Set Me Up to Let Me Down," "Marsh Mellow Dreams" and "Sitting on a Park Bench," which was published by the National Library of Poetry.

Lindsey enjoys stamp collecting and bike riding when he is not writing poetry.

Most taxpayers to get a break

Venice residents are an exception

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Most property owners in Madison County will be relieved to see a break on their tax bills later this year.

But residents of Venice may wince when they see theirs.

The assessed valuation of 23 of the county's 24 townships increased in 1996, according to information released by the county clerk's office this week.

The total county assessment is \$2,179,847,503, an increase of

\$104.3 million over the 1995 figure. The increase in assessed valuation will result in a lower tax rate for the county — \$.8589 per \$100 of assessed valuation compared to \$.8678 a year ago.

But the value of property in Venice Township decreased by \$1,475,252 — 4 percent — to \$35,146,825 from \$36,622,087, meaning the tax burden will be slightly larger than last year for many of those who own property there.

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NEWS

County tax rate dropping

The 1996 property tax rate for Madison County is 85.89 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation compared to 86.78 cents per \$100 last year and 87.5 cents per \$100 in 1994.

The 1996 property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation of other area taxing bodies, with last year's tax rate in parentheses, are:

Belleville Area College — \$2404 (.2330)
Lewis & Clark College — \$4071 (.3169)
Metro East Sanitary District — \$4889 (.5296)
Granite City School District — \$41575 (.4157)
Madison School District — \$57159 (.5753)
Venice School District — \$51559 (.5155)
City of Granite City — \$13095 (.1299)
City of Madison — \$17637 (.26384)
City of Venice — \$35356 (.37823)
Village of Pontoon Beach — \$4042 (.4145)
Granite City Township — \$2888 (.2818)
Nameoki Township — \$2881

(.3527)
Nameoki Road and Bridge — \$3588 (.3576)
Venice Township — \$4722 (.5323)
Venice Road and Bridge — \$2157 (.2250)
Chouteau Township — \$2299 (.2241)
Chouteau Road and Bridge — \$3582 (.3534)
Mitchell Fire District — \$4792 (.4916)
Long Lake Fire District — \$3018 (.3019)
Cloverleaf Fire District — \$2971 (.30)
State Park Fire District — \$4644 (.4644)
Special Service Area 1 — \$00 (.00)
Granite City Park District — \$2794 (.2184)
Collinsville Area Recreation — \$2485 (.2532)
Granite City Library District — \$324 (.3136)
Miracle Manor Street Light — \$375 (.375)
State Park Street Light — \$375 (.375)

•Taxes

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While the tax rates for Venice Township and its Road and Bridge fund actually decreased in 1996, the rate for the Venice School District increased a whopping \$1.12 per \$100, according to county clerk records. That figure alone translates into a \$112 difference in the total tax bill on a \$30,000 home.

The rate for the city of Venice decreased by a quarter to \$3.5356.

The total property tax rate in the city of Venice is \$11.257 per \$100 of assessed valuation, meaning the owner of a \$30,000 home in the city of Venice assessed at \$10,000 can expect to pay about \$1,125 in property taxes this year. Those funds would be distributed as follows: Madison County — \$85.89; township — \$47.22; road and bridge — \$21.57; city of Venice — \$353.56; parks — \$27.94; schools — \$515.59; Belleville Area College — \$24.04; and Metro East Sanitary District — \$48.89.

Conversely, owners of property in the city of Madison will see considerable tax relief. The tax rate for the city was cut by 87.5¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$1.7637 from \$2.6384. That translates into an \$87.50 savings on the city's portion of taxes for the owner of a \$30,000 home.

The total tax rate in Madison is \$9.7557 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The owner of a \$30,000 home assessed at \$10,000 can expect to pay about \$975 in property taxes, distributed as follows: Madison County — \$85.89; township — \$47.22; road and bridge — \$21.57; city of Madison — \$176.37; schools — \$515.59; MESE — \$48.89; and BAC — \$24.04.

Residents of Granite City and unincorporated Nameoki Township continue to get the best bang for their property

tax dollars. The assessed valuation of Granite City Township increased by about 1 percent — more than \$2.285 million — to just under \$230 million. The tax rates for Granite City, its township, school district, park district and library district remained relatively stable. The total tax rate in the city is \$8.1132 per \$100 of assessed valuation, meaning the owner of a \$40,000 home in Granite City assessed at \$13,333 can expect to pay a total of about \$1,082 in property taxes.

Those taxes would be distributed as follows: Madison County — \$114.53; township — \$38.51; city of Granite City — \$174.60; parks — \$59.36; schools — \$594.33; BAC — \$32.05; MESE — \$65.79; and library — \$43.20.

The assessed valuation in Nameoki Township increased nearly 2 percent, or 2.83 percent, to \$71,190,578. At the same time, Nameoki Township officials cut their tax levy for general fund purposes by 16 percent, resulting in a tax rate cut of more than 18 percent.

The total tax rate for property in unincorporated Nameoki Township, the Granite City School District and Long Lake Fire Protection District is \$7.0194 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The owner of a \$60,000 home in that area would pay \$1,404 in taxes, broken down as follows: Madison County — \$171.78; township — \$57.62; road and bridge — \$27.94; Granite City School District — \$831.50; MESE — \$97.78; Long Lake Fire District — \$60.30; BAC — \$48.08; and Granite City Library — \$64.80.

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Tommy Hickman, 9, launches a throw to first base from left field during a practice for the Sharks at Wilson Park. 5: Craig Smith, 10, waits at second.



Stevie Lickenbrock, 10, comes to the plate for batting practice.

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16 programs being offered

By Michelle Duell
Staff writer

There are 16 programs available this summer for youths and adults through the Parks and Recreation District.

For youths, they include:

A summer recreation program; baseball/softball school; ballet/jazz and tapp dance; golf lessons; diving lessons; tennis lessons; swimming lessons; gymnastics; pom pon classes; cheerleading classes; and lifeguarding courses.

For adults, they include:

Tennis lessons; Slimettes; step aerobics; aqua aerobics; country line dancing classes; and parent/infant swimming classes.

A special registration day will be conducted for all summer programs and park photo identification cards from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at the Brown Recreation Center, at the intersection of Pontoon Road and Franklin Avenue.

For the park district's 1997-1998 pre-school program, a registration date has been set for June 25.

Swimming lessons will begin June 16. Other classes will be held from June 23 to Aug. 8. All adult softball began on Sunday, May 4, and youth baseball and ponytail softball will begin on Saturday, May 17.

•Summer

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May," he said. "The fees are very affordable. Some come to 25 cents per visit over a seven-week period, the length of all programs."

"In addition to preparing for activities, the park employees are preparing to renew 3,000 photo identification cards that will expire this year," Polivick said.

The cards, which are valid for three years, will cost \$5 and allow discounts at the swimming pool and ice rink, he said, adding that pool rental also will be available for private parties and groups.

A special activity scheduled at the park involves the Sunday, May 18, Centennial Pavilion Dedication Day, which will begin at 1:30 p.m.

"The pavilion was built by trade union volunteers last year in honor of Granite City's 100th anniversary," Polivick said.

As for the summer's programs, this year also is special for them, Polivick said.

"There are major improvements at the softball field and baseball field."

For example, at George Sykes Field, formerly Diamond No. 8, there now is a 300-foot semi-pro softball field with new fencing, a backdrop and concrete block dugouts, Polivick said.

"A new concrete block scorekeeper booth will be completed within the next few weeks, and other improvements are being planned for completion soon," Polivick said.

Also, Dal Maxville Baseball Field now has new dugouts and infield grass sod, he said.

Polivick attributed the park's new improvements and available programs to volunteers and donations from Granite City residents.

"We wouldn't be able to provide all of this to the community without donations and volunteerism," he said. "Over 1,000 boys and girls in park district baseball and ponytail softball rely on volunteers to help coach."

"Dairy Queen and Pepsi donate thousands of T-shirts of little league baseball and ponytail softball, and last year Pepsi donated a \$3,500 scoreboard," Polivick said.

"The brand new sodded field is the only one in town," he added. "Dr. Mark Evenson donated \$5,000 for the new dugouts, then donated another \$3,500 to pay for equipment for gymnastics."

"Also, Debbie Germann donated \$5,000 for the George Sykes Field, and her husband, Mark, who is a contractor, volunteered to build the dugouts, as did a bricklayer, Jeff Worth, who works for Granite City Steel," Polivick said.

"All the donations and volunteerism were totally unsolicited," he said, lauding citizens and local businesses for their time and donations.

In addition, he said, the donations and volunteerism have resulted in new players benches, park benches, rose gardens, trees, a concrete driveway for Zamboni, weed trimmers, typewriters, landscaped berms, catchers equipment, balls, bats, helmets, scoreboards, a new flag football complex, organizers for basketball tournaments, baseball camps, football camps, "and on and on."

"First Lady Hillary Clinton has said, 'It takes a village to raise a child,'" Polivick said. "Our village (Granite City) always has and always will."

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Staff writer

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Von Nida gets county clerk post

Byers only opponent to appointment

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Mark Von Nida is Madison County's new clerk.

During a special Madison County Board meeting Wednesday morning, Von Nida was chosen almost unanimously to succeed the late Debbie Saltich.

Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa introduced Von Nida, saying he has the "administrative, legal and technical background to be an excellent county clerk."

Von Nida of Edwardsville is a Granite City native. He was the administrative assistant to State's Attorney William Haine for eight years and was sworn in by retired Circuit Judge George Moran Sr.

"(Von Nida) knows how to manage a budget and how to manage people," Papa said.

Von Nida was selected from 11 candidates for the job. He will complete the term of Saltich, who died April 15 in her Granite City home after a sudden heart-related illness.

The position carries an annual salary of \$56,000 with a \$3,500 stipend.

Von Nida, accompanied by his wife, Debbie, and their sons, Matthew and Bailey, thanked his family and friends for their support.

He credited his father Chris Von Nida's years as a precinct committeeman with his interest in politics and paid a tribute to his mother, Vernest, who was in Wednesday's audience.

"Happy Mother's Day, Mom," Von Nida said.

Von Nida also thanked two of his former bosses, Haine and recently named Associate

"I am mindful of the tradition of service and fairness in that office and I promise I will work to uphold it."

— Mark Von Nida

Judge Randy Bono. He said he was humbled by his appointment and by the trust placed in him to do the job.

"I am mindful of the tradition of service and fairness in that office and I promise I will work to uphold it," Von Nida said.

Harold Byers, D-Highland, voiced opposition to the appointment and was the only member to vote against it. Byers said that the board needs to avoid making "rubber stamp" decisions.

"Instead of being like dominoes, and as soon as somebody says something, bang, we're there, we need to exercise our legislative powers a little more," Byers said.

But several other board members spoke on Von Nida's behalf. Don Garrett, D-Madison, called Von Nida "a gentleman in every sense of the word," while Herbert "Junior" Milton, D-Granite City, praised Von Nida's character from his boyhood days.

H. Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said making Von Nida county clerk was one of the most important and best decisions Papa would make as board chairman.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Donation — Betty Wilkins, first vice president of the Auxiliary of AMVETS 51, and Bill Miller, commander of AMVETS 51, right, hand Protestant Welfare volunteer Larry Rose a box of tissue while loading the \$200 worth of hygiene and toiletry items which the AMVETS purchased to donate to the relief effort for North Dakota flood victims.

Granite City, township officials are sworn in

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The torch has been passed. Newly-elected officials in Granite City and its township took office Tuesday night after being sworn in by City Clerk Judy Whitaker.

Whitaker took the oath of office earlier in the day, being sworn in by Madison County Circuit Judge Philip Kardis.

But there won't be many changes ushered in with the new officials because most of those elected April 1 are incumbent officeholders.

Mayor Ron Selph, City Treasurer Gail Valle, Township Assessor Darlene Laub and aldermen Casmer Skubish, Craig Tarpo, Nick Petrillo, Foster Frederick, Alan Crider and Kim Affolter were among those re-elected last month to four-year terms of office.

Alderman Bob Shipley was sworn in as township supervisor, succeeding Bernie Hagauer to the position. Selph said he will appoint an individual to fill the remaining two years in Shipley's aldermanic term later.

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New aldermen Larry Blackwell of the 5th Ward and Sandy Shaw of the 6th Ward were also seated after taking the oath of office.

Blackwell succeeds Eddie Asadorian, whom he defeated in a close race in April.

Shaw unseated Walter Milton, also in a close race, to take a two-year term.

Selph gave his thanks and plaques to Milton, Asadorian and Shipley for their past service to the city. He also presented a plaque to former Alderman Mac Warfield, who resigned his aldermanic seat last year to take an appointment to the Madison County Board.

After a meeting where little business was conducted, the aldermen then sat down to select important committee assignments.

Those committees are:
Finance — Craig Tarpo, Frederick and Shaw;
Ordinance — Skubish, Bob Page and Bob Cook;

Street & Alley — Brian Fuzessery, Frederick and Blackwell;
Police — Shaw, Nancy Sanders and Lurton Pulley;
Insurance — Affolter, Crider and Sanders;
Fire — Pulley, Tarpo and Crider;
Traffic — Frederick, Pulley and Blackwell;
Negotiations — Crider and Blackwell;
Sanitation — Petrillo and Crider;
City Hall & Buildings — Skubish, Page and Sanders;
Wastewater Treatment — Cook, Page and Petrillo;
Cable TV — Cook, Affolter and Fuzessery;
Downtown — Fuzessery, Petrillo and Affolter;
Planning & Zoning — Tarpo and Shaw;
Economic Development — Page, Skubish and Crider.

Selph said he would select committee chairmen before the next council meeting.

BAC offers GED classes

Belleville Area College is offering free General Educational Development classes beginning in May at the Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

A morning class will meet from 9 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. weekdays from May 12 through June 6. Registration for the class will take place at 9 a.m., May 12, in the Granite City Campus Cafeteria.

An evening class will be held from 6:30 - 9:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, from May 12 through July 9. Registration will take place at 6:30 p.m., May 12, also in the cafeteria.

GED classes prepare area residents who have not received a high school diploma to take a test to receive a high school equivalency certificate.

For more information, call BAC at 235-2700, extension 365, or toll-free in Illinois, at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 365.

Alton planning breakwater area near marina

ALTON — The city is preparing to build a breakwater area near the Alton Marina using \$125,000 from a state grant.

State Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, recently announced the grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Illinois Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, also worked on securing the grant.

"We are grateful for the help the Sen.

Bowles and Rep. Davis gave us in getting the grant," city planner Phil Roggio said.

He said the rocky area near the marina will absorb waves from passing barges and help protect the boat docks.

The project requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but construction may start this summer, Roggio said.

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OPINION

CAROL'S COMMENTS

Three cheers for the 'nerds'

Carol Clarkin is a retired newspaper reporter living in Edwardsville.

Unsure exactly what a nerd is, I checked out Roget and found, not a definition, but a number of synonyms.

Dork, goofball, geek, jerk, dweeb, wimp, etc. Of course, that's the purpose of a thesaurus, but does it give one a fair idea of what kids mean when they call other kids "nerds"? It's not a complaint.

One reason for my interest was a recent feature story about 10 graduating seniors, members of Beaumont High School's Class of 1997. Nerds all, according to their own reports of the light in which their classmates regard them. Six boys, four girls, all black, and all recently inducted into the National Honor Society. All clean-cut, smiling, and casually (but neatly) garbed. Three of them have a 3.7 grade average and the lowest among the ten is 3.4; to qualify for the honor society, students must have a 3.3 average for three consecutive semesters. Most participate in extracurricular activities, some have after-school jobs. They're ambitious and optimistic. And they call themselves the "Nerd Patrol."

Their story reminded me of a short verse, written back in '82 by a poet (Dorothy Wolfe), unknown to me then and now, and dedicated to the "kids who are different, who dance to a different drum." And the poet concluded: "When they have grown, as history's shown, it's their difference that makes them unique."

Never a devotee of conformity, especially in view of what passes as current standards, I applaud these nerdy kids and hope they turn out as well as a couple of fellows I suspect were once considered nerds. Tiger Woods, he of the heart-melting smile, and Walter Cronkite, old enough to be Tiger's grandfather but still the man everybody trusts.

I seldom watch daytime TV but when I learned Tiger and his dad were going to make an appearance on Oprah's show, I tuned in and was again impressed with this 21-year-old young man who has won the hearts of many of our hearts during the Master's a few weeks ago. Well-mannered, thoughtful, dead serious about his career and, as the recruitment posters put it, dedicated to being the best that he can be.

Powerful in pumps

By Mary Buettner
I write this column in honor of Secretaries Day, which was April 23. For purposes of this column, I will refer to secretaries in the female gender because in 10 years of being an attorney I've only worked with one male secretary.

I've learned the following rules with respect to secretaries:
1. Assume your secretary knows everything. Just like lawyers, doctors, teachers, and every other group of professionals, secretaries talk to each other. They share information.

In addition, they answer the telephones (so they know who you're talking to), they type your correspondence (so they know what you're talking about), and they open the mail (including every confidential envelope that crosses their desk). Any secretary worth half her salary keeps an assortment of unused confidential envelopes in her desk drawer. When she receives a confidential envelope through the mail, she opens it, reads (and usually copies) the contents, then puts the contents into an identical confidential envelope, seals it, and delivers it to her boss (often with an sweet and innocent smile).

2. Never assume you're smarter than your secretary. Just because you make times more than she does doesn't mean you're smarter. Ditto for the A.B., B.S., M.A.,

One of the most attractive young gentlemen I've seen in many a moon is Tiger's cool. But I'll bet, growing up, a lot of his peers considered him a nerd. Incidentally, his father is no slouch, either. Listening to both of them was revealing. It's no wonder this kid is a champ.

I DO hope he'll be able to maintain his equanimity in the face of some of the media hype. I wish, for example, that the press will quickly drop the matter of Fuzzy Zoeller's, ill-considered remarks. Zoeller, to his credit, quickly apologized and Tiger just as quickly accepted the apology, as a gentleman should. So, let's drop it. As well as the persistent emphasis on his becoming "a role model for black youth." Why limit it to black youth? Tiger wouldn't be a bad choice as a role model for ALL young people. Every move he makes doesn't have to be scrutinized by the media. The guy alone for a bit and let him do what he does best and give him a modicum of privacy.

As for "Uncle Walter," apparently recovering well at age 80 from quadruple by-pass surgery, according to his own words in "A Reporter's Life," as well as being considered a legend of journalism, he's a young man in his younger years, he wrote. "There was something I learned about myself (in these years), but the lesson didn't sink in until later in life: I am one of that number who have an aversion to the slightest hint of regimentation or group conformity, although I carry an ingrained respect for challenging authority or conspicuous nonconformity."

The first trial was evident when I resigned within days of joining high school ROTC unit and, later, although perhaps subconsciously, I steadfastly marched north while the rest of the fellows were marching south, this costing our DeMolay drill team a state championship.

I talk about a different drummer. Hurrah for nerds like Tiger, Walter, and the Beaumont kids.

J.D., M.D. and/or Ph.D. that you have and she doesn't. Your secretary may not have a realistic chance of becoming a doctor, lawyer, or Indian chief.

3. A secretary can make you or break you. Don't be sickeningly sweet to judges and business executives and then horrible to your secretary. She'll hear the way you talk to them, compare it to the way you talk to her, and it's all downhill from there.

4. Don't talk to secretaries like they're idiots. I once covered the telephones in a legal department where I worked so that the entire department could go to lunch together for Secretaries Day.

Anyway, an attorney I knew well called and left a message. He painfully enunciated each syllable of his message, assuming that the person taking the message had an IQ no greater than 49. When he finished his message, I identified myself. He was then very embarrassed, and asked

In sum, I thank the 25 or so secretaries I've worked with (including you, John, wherever you may be) for your long hours of service, your attention to detail, and your patience. And thanks too for sharing with me the contents of those confidential envelopes!

Mary Buettner and her husband, Brian Christopher, live in Waterloo, where she practices law.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Child care providers cited

TO THE EDITOR:
May 9th is National Family Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois (CHASI) Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Program would like to acknowledge and express appreciation to all the licensed/licensed-exempt family child care providers in our service delivery areas who open their homes and hearts to children and families. It takes a special person to dedicate their time and energy to help nurture and care for children.

Keep up the great work and walk proudly, knowing that you are providing an invaluable service to children and families!

SHARI SCHWEPPE-STREIL
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois Child Care Resource & Referral

Volunteers get special thanks

TO THE EDITOR:
I want to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to "Christmas in April, Tri-City Area Inc." It is a wonderful thing for people to come together to do for the ones unable to do for themselves.

Thanks to Butch Wojtowicz, Bud Charbonnier, the house captain; Jim McCart; and all the wonderful volunteers who came and worked so hard. All were so kind and did such good work. My prayers and blessings go out to all. Thanks again.

LOVIE KING WILLIAMS
Granite City

Fairness and personal choice

TO THE EDITOR:
I've heard the phrase "do it for the children" not only from letters to the editor regarding the school tax referendum but also from President Clinton. It seems to be a blanket phrase that has been used so many times that we seem to accept it without questioning the motives of the individual using it. The implication, at least for me, is that if we don't go along with what is being proposed by the user, we will be negligent or uncaring by simply disagreeing.

We all want to do what is best for the children, whether they are our kids or whether or not we know them. I can't find anyone who doesn't want the future of our children to be filled with opportunity and the chance to achieve success. We want a safe and prosperous America even for our grand children.

We can and should set examples for our children to follow. The behavior learned in childhood is carried on in their adult years. I try to explain

my reasoning behind decisions I make because at times my choices don't look "fair" to my kids. They need to know how I arrived at my decision.

The opportunity for example arose while shopping in our local discount store. I emphasized while it is good to look for the best bargain, it's "fair" to have all the facts. I pointed out that there were many good quality products at reasonable prices. However, many of these products had "Made in China" on the tags.

I told them I could not in good conscience purchase these products because of the forced child labor used to produce them. My explanation was a brief discourse on the difference between America's government and the Communist Chinese government.

I gave the example of Chinese students exercising freedom of speech in Tiananmen Square and their government's reaction. In America, I said, we can disagree with our government openly without threat of imprisonment or death. I informed my kids that the students that didn't die were taken prisoner and used for slave labor. Sometimes they were chained to the assembly line.

If people wouldn't buy "Made in China" products, I told them, there wouldn't be a market for them. China also imprisons people who try to share the Gospel of Jesus. The free gift of salvation wouldn't buy them. Made in China products, I told them, are discouraged by the threat of prison, slave labor or death. By purchasing Chinese products, we encourage this behavior. My children would be slave or put to death for talking about Jesus. They agreed that the practices of the Chinese government weren't fair.

So next time you are out shopping, look at the tags and refuse to buy products from China. Ask the manager if there is an alternative to Chinese products. Tell him why you made your decision. Tell him you refuse to buy products that use the slave labor of children. Now that is not only doing something for our children, but the children in Chinese sweat shops!

KEVIN M. POWELL
Red Bud

Program is not what it seems

TO THE EDITOR:
Illinois Education to Careers sounds like a good program. Who, after all, is opposed to education or to careers? Sounding good does not equal being good. Let's look at what is actually proposed. All quoted statements are from State Superintendent Joseph Spagnolo's letter to Governor Edgar, Mr. Spagnolo said: "As the sole state agency with responsibility for K-12 public education, the State Board is

committed to creating a highly skilled competitive workforce to meet the emerging needs of Illinois employers." "Employers are concerned with the bottom line. What an employer needs is not what my children need nor what I want for my children."

Will employers really have any influence on education? Children will receive career guidance from kindergarten through grade fourteen(sic). Kindergarten has difficulty choosing between Cocoa Puffs and Rice Krispies but the state will start them in careers anyway. "ALL students will have sequential worksite learning experiences. ALL students receive career development and identify a career major by grade 11." "Employers will function as 'co-educators' providing schedules, lesson plans, teacher preparation, student assessments and the other elements of a complete educational system." The state and employers will decide what jobs are available. Our children will be funneled into these positions.

A sample agreement between student, parent and work-site partner says: "We agree that any work in hazardous occupations will be incidental and under direct supervision. The parent maintains health/accidental injury insurance through the home, school, individual, or through a third party for the student." Lose a hand on the work-site; no worry, the parents have accident insurance.

Look for the marketing plan to play soon in your neighborhood. "Marketing (Illinois

Department of Public Aid) (is to) develop and implement, in conjunction with the marketing firm, a five-year marketing plan." Could this money be used for schools instead of marketing? Will the marketing and the Education-To-Careers program be expensive? "As the state moves forward with education-to-careers increasing amounts of money will be required."

How will we know if we are meeting the goals? The federal School to Work bill and Goals 2000 require record keeping. Teachers and parents may think computers are for education but the state wants them for electronic files on all students. In this case, "the education-to-careers consortium works with the office of the lieutenant governor to assist all public elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education centers to access the internet, the state is linking all interagency team members and local partnerships through the internet." The electronic file on our children will include, among other non-academic data, health information and assessments of sociability and integrity. Could this information, which may be accessed by state and federal agencies and businesses (partners), adversely affect our children's ability to obtain insurance or jobs? How will schools assess integrity? What is a passing grade? How much is enough? 1984 arrived in 1977 with the Illinois Education to Careers program.

STEVE CONWAY
Edwardsville

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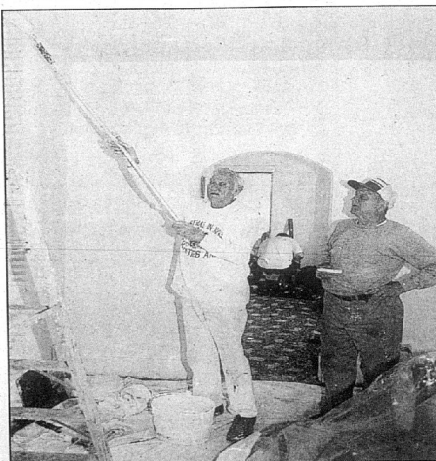
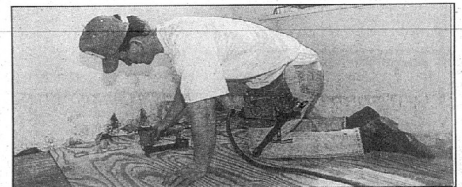
(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)
Every year, volunteers from throughout the area band together to help some less fortunate residents make repairs and renovations to their homes. This year's Christmas in April took place April 26. At left, John Vosich paints around the door frame in a home being repainted and repaired by the volunteers of Christmas in April. At right, Jim Huschle holds one of the slats of a porch railing straight as Bert Koerper fastens it to the railing. The railing was installed to make the porch safer for the home's elderly owner.



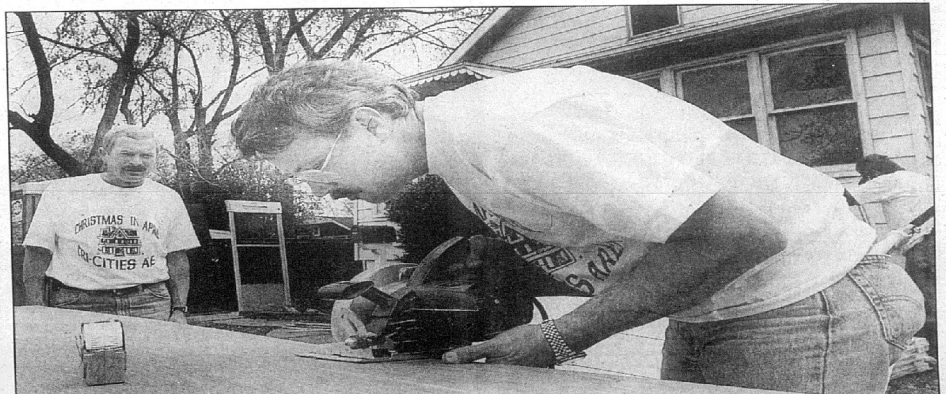
Betty King lays a thick coat of whitewash on the foundation of a home being given the Christmas in April treatment.



Gary Sorenson, above, measures a length of siding while working as a Christmas in April volunteer rehabbing a home in Madison. Above right, John Simmons, an attorney from East Alton, nails down a new floor in a room of the house sponsored by the Madison County Bar Association for Christmas in April. Below right, volunteer Justin Hays, 14, paints the railing installed on the front porch of one of the homes benefiting from the annual effort this year.



Volunteer James Faulkner paints the living-room ceiling of one of the Christmas in April homes while John Vosich waits to go back to his work on the wall.



Mark Reed watches as Dave Osborne cuts a piece of panelling to size for installation in the home sponsored by Air Products Manufacturing for Christmas in April.

NEWS

Class of '77 is seeking graduates

The Granite City High School North class of 1977 is seeking fellow classmates for its upcoming 20-year reunion. If you have not received an invitation, please call Lori (Adams) Hartzel at 452-8787 or Tina (Snider) Paschedag at 331-3483.

The following is a list of classmates that have not been located. If any information is known, please call the numbers listed above.

David Beasley, Cheryl Belue, LaDon Blason, Barbara Binggeli, Barbara Bradshaw, Wendy Brandibas, Dean "Tony" Carden, Ron Carich, Ruth Christian, Ed Cook, Tom Cook, Robin Corbitt, Colleen Cornelison, Randall Corman, Tim Crook, Tonya Cuccati, Bill Davis, Shay Davis, Sharon Dean, Beck Ebmeyer, Tim Grant, Dana Hockathal, Pam Hall, Tina Hanebrink, Don Hecht, Robin Helmer, Sheila Hintz, Jeanne Hodier.

Carmel Johnson, Gary Johnson, Kristie Johnson, Debra Kirgan, Debbie McLaughlin, Robin Melton, Dawna Middleton, John Moran, Leila Mouser, Denise Myers, Mark Nolen, Mike Norby, Connie Price, Mark Randall, Steve Scott, Denzel Stephens, Patricia Theria, Diana Wells, Keith Whelan, Marla White, Cindy Whitwell, Jan Whitworth, Scott Winters and David Young.



Granite City Mayor Ron Selph, seated, recently signed a Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. Standing, from left, are Joyce Albers and Helen Stumpe of the Ladies Coterie and Elaine Searcy and Lydia Arnold of Parents Anonymous.

Child abuse awareness campaign planned here

Last year, there were 2,200 cases of child abuse reported in Madison County.

The Ladies Coterie will distribute blue bows and printed materials May 10 at Schnuck's and Shop 'N Save in Granite City to promote awareness of child abuse and how it can be prevented.

Parents Anonymous, a prevention program offering positive alternatives to help break the cycle of abuse, is sponsoring the Illinois Blue Bow campaign to promote awareness of the need to support families. By wearing the blue bow, you will remind others that society needs to stop child abuse before it starts.

Abuse can take on several different characteristics, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as neglect.

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Working for power

Needy people to get chance to work off their debts to Illinois Power

Illinois Power Co. and a group of local volunteers are setting up a thrift store that will allow needy people to work off their debts.

The idea is the brainchild of Sharon Durbin, work donation administrator for Illinois Power. She set up a similar program in Hillsboro.

The program will be called "Hands Up." It will allow people to work in exchange for payments on their electric bills, rent, water bills, and so on.

I worked with a family whose service was disconnected every April," Durbin said. "One year, there wasn't enough money to help them get reconnected. By mid-November, it began to get cold. I knew I had to do something."

Durbin got enough donated money together to get the family's service reconnected, but the family was required to work in a thrift store for \$5 an hour until they logged enough hours to pay off their power bill.

Durbin then started a program to help several people, and the concept of work donation was on track.

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— Sharon Durbin
IP official

help," said Walter Hunter of Edwardsville. Hunter is a volunteer serving on the "Hands Up" board.

"Not only will it help them pay off their debts, it will help their self-esteem," said Hunter, who is also a volunteer with the Salvation Army and gets many calls for help.

"Rather than just ask for help, they can earn what they get," he said.

Durbin said the program is still in the formative stages, but organizers said they hope to have a store in the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon area and one in the Granite City area.

Durbin said the thrift store will pay the bills directly to the power company or other creditors at \$5 an hour for each hour worked.

Madison County is the first area to be targeted for this program since Durbin started

the first one in Hillsboro. "We recognize that our communities are dealing with issues such as welfare reform and deregulation of the electric utility industry," said Ellen Krohne, Illinois Power managing director of existing customer development.

"Implementing work donation programs throughout our service areas allows us to help customers help themselves in light of these issues," Krohne said.

More information is available by contacting Durbin at (800) 873-5848, Ext. 6133.

— From The Telegraph



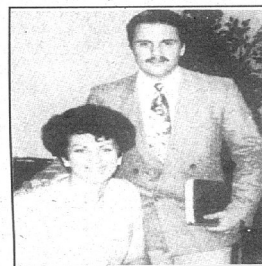
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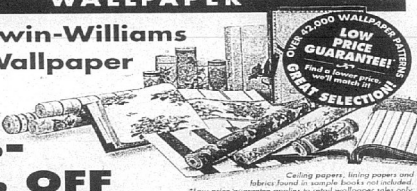


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NEWS

OBITUARIES

Goodlow, James

JAMES LAMONT GOODLOW, 23, of Madison died Sunday, May 4, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City. He was a native of East St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Staci Brooks; his mother, Marveta Boyd of Cahokia; his father, James Goodlow, of St. Louis; one sister, Diane Goodlow; and one brother, Darrell Hearty Goodlow.

Services are scheduled for 12 noon Saturday, May 10, at the New Evangelist Church of God in Christ, 3500 Fallon Spring Road, Cahokia, with the Rev. James Hearty officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Mill-St. Louis.

Arrangements were handled by Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis.

Well, Willie D.

WILLIE D. WELL, 38, of East St. Louis died Saturday, May 3, 1997, at his residence. He was a native of East St. Louis.

Survivors include one son, D'Marco D. Well of East St. Louis; three sisters, Toni Benton and Betty Harris, both of East St. Louis and Ruby Jean Perkins of Pontoon Beach; seven brothers, Sammie, James, Earl and Charles Bell, all of East St. Louis; Donald and Tyrone Harris, both of East St. Louis; and J.D. Harris Jr. of Washington Park.

Services are scheduled for 12 noon Saturday, May 10, at Officer Funeral Home, 2114 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis. Burial will be in Sunset Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Mill-St. Louis.

Holzinger, Irene H.

IRENE H. (BERG) HOLZINGER, 88, of Granite City died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. She was born Jan. 18, 1909, in Highland.

Mrs. Holzinger was a homemaker, a member of St. John United Methodist Church of Christ in Granite City and the Hill-toppers.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Lee Palovich of Granite City; one son-in-law and two granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester G. Holzinger, whom she married in 1935 and who died Jan. 17, 1975; her parents, John and Lydia (Rieke) Berg; and two brothers, Richard L. and Oliver Berg.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's United Church of Christ.

Stoltz, Harry E. Jr.

HARRY E. STOLTZ JR., 66, of Granite City died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at his residence. He was born May 4, 1931, in Hannibal, Mo.

Mr. Stoltz retired in 1992 from Middle West Freight after 25 years as a truck driver and also worked part time as a clerk for 7-11 Store. He was a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran and member of Teamsters Local 804 and Eagles 1128 of Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Dathel (Hegland) Stoltz, who died in 1977; his mother, Gladys (Van Vleet) Randolph; one son, Vincent Stoltz of St. Louis; the daughters, Diane Bahlinger and Anita Farley, both of St. Louis, and Antonette

Casey of DeSoto, Mo.; two stepdaughters, Janice Keys and Marcia Ferns, both of St. Louis; four stepsons, Mark, James and Ted Domegaki, all of St. Louis, and Tim Domegaki of St. Louis; one grandson, Paul Stoltz of San Diego; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry E. Stoltz Sr.; one brother, Richard Stoltz; and one sister, Francis Stoltz.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Madison County.

Skinner, Elizabeth M.

"BETTY" ELIZABETH M. "BETTY" (LAKE) SKINNER, 66, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at her residence. She had been ill since 1991.

Born Oct. 10, 1930, in Chicago, Mrs. Skinner moved to Madison in 1973, graduated from Madison High School in 1948 and married in 1951. She was employed as a substitute cook by the Madison School District; head cook at St. Mary's School in Madison; and also worked for Hamlet Meats Company in Madison and Dr. O.M. Lay of Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Skinner, whom she married Aug. 11, 1978, in St. Louis; one daughter, Melissa of Granite City; her parents, Joseph and Joan (Kane) Bloodworth of Granite City; three brothers, Jerry Lake of Granite City, both of Madison; one sister, Vanessa Cox of Granite City; and one granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. Friday at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at Thomas Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Mathenia, Louis F.

LOUIS F. MATHENIA, 71, of Granite City died at 4:21 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, in Granite City. He was born April 18, 1926, in Granite City, Mo.

Mr. Mathenia retired in 1984 after 40 years of working in auto sales as an owner, retailer and financier of automobiles in Granite City and St. Louis. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Loren) Mathenia; one daughter, Myron Mathenia of Granite City; two daughters, Linda Turner of Granite City and Charles Mathenia of Coffee; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Zella (Willoughby) Mathenia; and three brothers, Bob, George and James Mathenia.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel with Mrs. Georgia Renner officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Carmel Baptist Childrens Home, Carmel.

Zinn, Ann A.

ANN A. ZINN, 82, of Granite City died at 3:21 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, in Granite City. Born Dec. 2, 1914, in Madison, she had been a resident of Granite City for 56 years.

Mrs. Zinn, a self-employed beautician for many years, was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Young at Heart Club, AARP, Senior Citizens of Granite City and the St. John Lutheran Quilting Club.

Survivors include her husband, William J. Zinn Sr., whom she married June 2, 1939; one daughter, Patricia Takmalian of Belleville; three sisters, Barbara Dusek, Catherine Fedora and Frances Vivod, all of Granite City; one stepson, William of Tampa, Fla.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Frances (Mueh) Krmkovich; three brothers, Larry John, Andrew and Joe Krmkovich; and one son, Don Moga.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, May 9, at Madison's Holy Family Catholic Church, 26th & Washington, Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fish officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the form of Masses to Holy Family Catholic Church or to the American Legion, both in Granite City.

Greathouse, Stephen

"MARK" STEPHEN "MARK" GREATHOUSE, 40, of Granite City formerly of Marion, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, in Granite City following a 15-day illness. He was born Oct. 1956, in Decatur.

Mr. Greathouse retired as a welder from Granite City after 18 plus years of service as a welder and operator/laborer. He was a member of USWA Local 67 and the Italian American Club in Madison.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie (Wade) Greathouse, whom he married Dec. 18, 1976; two daughters, Christine and Cassi Greathouse of Granite City; one son, John Mark Greathouse of Granite City; one sister, Cookie Hutchings of Granite City; one brother, Mike Greathouse of Greve Couer, Mo.; and 16 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar Jr. and Beesie (Broyles) Greathouse.

Services were held Monday, May 4, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Madison County.

Green, Cecil C.

CECIL C. GREEN, 92, of Granite City died at 5:20 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville. He was born Aug. 22, 1904, in Winona, Mo.

Mr. Green was employed for 23 years as a pipe fitter by Dow Chemical Co. in Madison; and was a member of St. John's Temple Church in Granite City, St. Charles, Mo.; three daughters, Johnna, Ridgester, Calif.; Geraldine Simpson of Granite City and Judith Reese of New York; one brother, Leonard of Missouri; one sister, Gertrude Sullivan of Missouri; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Sarah (Patterson) Green; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, May 5, at City Temple Church with the Rev. Eugene Cole and Michael Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

Mckelvey, Mabel E.

MABEL E. (PEIFER) MCKELVEY, 89, of Sullivan, Mo., formerly of Granite City and Edwardsville, died at 10:05 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Sullivan Nursing Home. She had been ill for 10 years and a resident of the nursing home for the past 7 years.

Born July 27, 1907, in Brighton, she grew up in Granite City and was a resident for 30 years. She was a former 18-year resident of Edwardsville.

Mrs. McKelvey graduated from St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and the University of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1930. She was a public health nurse for Prudential Insurance, was formerly employed by Dr. Arnovitz of Granite City and Monsanto Chemical Co. in St. Louis, and retired in 1973 as a nurse for Granite City Steel. She was a member of Sullivan Presbyterian Church and former member of Eastern Star of Granite City and the Nurses' Association of Illinois.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty (McKee) Patton of Nevada, Colo.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward S. McKelvey, whom she married May 4, 1935, in Granite City; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pfeiffer, and one brother, Edward Pfeiffer.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 7, at Mercer Chapel, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City, with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter, of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City, officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gardeners win certification

Upon completion of 60 hours of training provided by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, additional residents have been certified as Master Gardeners, bringing the number above 100 in the Madison-St. Clair area.

The following have completed the requirements for graduation:

Granite City — Evelyn Pates; Troy — Judith Smejkal.

The Master Gardeners serve as volunteers for the Cooperative Extension Service, answering the horticulture helpline and presenting educational programs for local groups. For more information about the Master Gardener Program or to call the helpline, call the Madison-St. Clair Unit office, 692-7700 in Edwardsville or 238-8600 in Belleville.

The helpline is open from 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday.

Chase

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Four other suspects escaped. A white-up, companion had sold an officer that two cars, a white Chevrolet Impala and a white Cadillac, appeared to be chasing each other in a field off Illinois 3 between North Street and West Pontoon Road in Granite City at about 4:45 a.m.

Three Granite City officers converged on the scene, where they reported seeing five men "stripping" a white Cadillac with Illinois registration. The car was being supported by a jack and was missing five wheels (including the spare) and its stereo, the report states.

After seeing the officers, the five men fled in two cars — a white Chevrolet Impala and a brown Buick Regal — both bearing Missouri plates, the report states.

The cars fled south on Illinois 3, reaching speeds of more than 100 miles per hour, the report states. Two Granite City police cars pursued the fleeing vehicles over the McKinley Bridge and into the city of St. Louis.

The driver of the Buick abandoned his car at the intersection of Washington and Spring, the report states.

K-9 officer Sparky, along with Granite City and St. Louis city police officers, cornered the suspect in a back yard after a chase on foot. The suspect was taken to the District 9 police station in St. Louis and held.

A passenger in the Regal later returned to the car and drove it away, police reported.

The owner of the Cadillac, a 20-year-old St. Louis man, told police the car had been stolen from his home sometime between midnight and 5 a.m.

Madison

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The council unanimously approved an ordinance dropping the city residency requirement for the comptroller position and Hamm said the city is actively seeking applicants for the position.

He appointed Robbie Robertson, formerly street superintendent, to the position of temporary comptroller and, with unanimous council approval, Grzywacz was instructed to be a temporary unpaid supervisor of the street department.

Other appointments included:

- City attorney — Casper Nighossian.
- Assistant city attorney — John Papa.
- Police chief — Steve Skoklo.
- Fire Chief — Mike Foley.
- Building inspector — George Hlava.
- Health inspector — George Amish.
- Trash Officer — Rich McGhee.
- Recreation director — James Broadway.
- Assistant recreation director — George Smith.

All appointments received unanimous approval from the council. Also appointed were members of the fire department and the auxiliary police department.

Aldermanic committee chairs announced included:

- Finance — Grzywacz.
- Streets and Sanitation — Grzywacz.

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SUNDAY:
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship, Jr. Church, Children, Church, Nursery

MONDAY: (MOV THROUGH NOVEMBER)
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship (Songs, choruses and casual dress)

Monday Night Worship
returns this Monday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.
Monday Night Worship is a casual, informal service for those who are unable to attend Sunday Worship.

Licenses

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suggest that we start (collecting the fees) by sending a nice letter telling the businesses to please get a license, starting with the current year, and get nasty next year."

The committee, which also includes Irene Karlechuk, agreed that would be the best approach and that the letters should state that the businesses have two weeks to pay for their licenses.

In the meantime, the committee members decided, the problem would be given to Village Attorney Keith Jensen to study to learn whether certified letters could be sent to the businesses after the two-week notice and to learn what type of legal action could be taken against them if they failed to comply.

"A lot of the businesses already have been sent letters," Karlechuk said.

The 25 businesses that Kaskeski said have not paid their fees for their licenses for two years or more include: A Better Construction, ABC Construction; Chouteau Properties; Joseph Dicks; Judy's Beauty Shop; Farrell Contracting; Holiday Mobile Home Park; Houser's Automotive; Malone Freightline, Inc.; Morgan Electrical; Custom Creations; Dan's Heating & Cooling; Disability Access; Welding; Cletis Eggerman; Jun Construction; Lucy's Vending Warehouse; Mercer Enterprises; Paterson Brake; REMCO Hobbies; St. Ivany Plumbing; Past & Present Car Wash; Garvin's; Shurtz's; Shurtz's & Machine; Steel Panel Distribution; Tarpoff Clinic; and Trio Aluminum.

Before the village comptroller took over the business licenses a few weeks ago, City Clerk Mary Rowden was responsible for them.

Kaskeski said Rowden did notify the businesses that they needed to pay for their licenses.

St. Anthony's sets health screenings

St. Anthony's Medical Center has scheduled health screenings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21 at Schnucks Supermarket, 738 N. Market in Waterloo.

There is no charge for a blood pressure screening. The charge for a cholesterol screening is \$7. No fasting is required prior to the test.

Blood sugar tests are available for \$5, and a three-hour fast is required prior to the test. Triglyceride tests are available for \$5, and a 12-hour fast is required. Avoiding alcohol for 48 hours is recommended.

People undergoing blood sugar and triglyceride tests may have only water while fasting. No appointment is necessary for screenings. For more information, call 525-1250.

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FUNERAL SUMMARY

MOLNAR, SISTER RITA, CDP, died the evening of Wednesday, April 29, 1997, after celebrating her 90th birthday. She was a resident of the convent at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center (SEMC), Granite City.

Services were held Saturday, May 3, at St. Bartholomew Church, Hazelwood, Mo. Burial was in the Mount Providence Cemetery, 8351 Morrisant Road, Normandy, Mo.

Memorials are suggested in the form of Masses or contributions to the Sisters of Divine Providence Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 3968 Latta Avenue, Hazelwood, Mo., 63042.

Arrangements were handled by White-Mullen Mortuary, Ferguson, Mo.

DRÖGE, HEDY A. (WERBROCK), 87, of Kewanee, Wis., formerly of the Quad-Cities, died at 5 a.m. Sunday, April 27, 1997, at Kewanee Health Care Center.

Gravestone services were held Wednesday, April 30, at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating.

Memorials are suggested to Concordia Lutheran Church, 2305 Grand, Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

EARNIE, ANNIE (HOV), 74, of Granite City died at 10:40 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis following a one-and-one-half year illness.

Services were held Monday, May 5, at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church with the

Rev. K. Bruce Rushing officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Niedringhaus United Methodist Church of Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home, 814 & Cleveland, Granite City.

HAMILTON, CLIFFORD O., 56, of Madison died at 9:34 a.m. Friday, May 2, 1997, at his residence following a two-year illness.

Services were held Tuesday, May 6, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Kim Keefner officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested to Holy Family Ambulatory Care Center in Wheeling.

Services were held Monday, May 5, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

HOLMES, JUANITA (PEARMAN), 81, of Galesburg died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, May 4, 1997, at University Manor in Edwardsville.

Gravestone services were held Wednesday, May 7, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Galesburg with the Rev. Richard DeFringer officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City.

MCDONALD, MICHAEL TERRY, 45, of Granite City died at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 1997, in Fairmont City following a

SPORTS



Bob Emig

State tourney staying put in Peoria

Peoria's two-year run of hosting the Illinois High School Association state boys basketball tournaments has drawn mixed reviews. There probably will be more feedback heard over the next three years, as Peoria's contract was recently extended through the year 2000.

There are those who didn't want to lose the tradition of Champaign hosting the tournaments. There are others who feel that Champaign was taking advantage of the situation and that it would host the prestigious tournaments forever.

"You have to feel if the IHSA can move its crown jewel (the boys state tournaments), it can move anything," said longtime *Alton Telegraph* sports editor and writer Steve Porter, probably best putting things into perspective. "Who knows what's going to happen (the next time) the tournaments come up for bid? There's even talk of Illinois going to a three-class system in basketball. Perhaps, one of the sites would be in the Chicago area. There's also Rockford, maybe even Bloomington."

Porter said he liked the change of pace Peoria has brought to the state tournaments. He said the Peoria Civic Center is centrally located and within walking distance for many of the fans from their motels and hotels.

"Let's let Peoria have its five-year run and see what happens," Porter said. Larry Miller of Collinsville, who has been attending the state boys basketball tournaments for more than a decade, prefers Champaign to Peoria.

"The seating is better in Champaign," said Miller, 46, a civil engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation. "Champaign is a basketball arena. Peoria is a hockey arena."

Miller said the apparent coziness of Carver Arena in Peoria compared with the spaciousness of Assembly Hall in Champaign did not make for a more electric feeling when the games were at a pitch.

"You still feel a lot of excitement in Champaign," Miller said. "The intensity was just as great in Champaign as it is in Peoria."

As far as the much-ballyhooed "March Madness Experience" interactive games in the Peoria Civic Center, Miller said you can leave that for the kids.

"It's strictly for the grade school kids," he said. "I had my 11-year-old son David with me for the Class AA tournament this year and we missed the last one game. I wanted to play the interactive games. I'd rather see the real games."

Miller said another negative about the Peoria site is that it's difficult to get tickets. He said he knew of some people who had motel rooms in Peoria with the idea that they would get tickets to the games but never did.

"In Champaign, it was rare not to get tickets on the day of the game," he said. "Champaign holds about 5,000 more people than does Peoria."

One positive about Peoria, Miller said, is that the people are treated more fairly by the motels. He said Champaign wanted a two-day stay guarantee, while Peoria requires visitors to stay only one day.

"That's a difference of about \$70 or \$80," he said. Peoria Manual won the Class AA state title this year, the school's fourth straight, by defeating Harvey Thornton in the semifinals and then West Aurora in the finals. Manual won state championships in Champaign in 1994 and '95.

Miller is strong in his opinion about the state tournaments returning to Champaign. "I'd like to see Champaign get the tournaments back," he said. "What I don't want to see is for the tournament to go away up north like to the Horizon in Rosemont. I don't know if I'd go that far. Right now, though, it's not as big a deal to play in Peoria as it was to play in Champaign."

(Bob Emig is a longtime sports correspondent who covers the Metro East.)



GCHS goalie Shannon Roth makes a save on a shot by Melissa Piechowski of St. Joseph's Academy as Michelle Montgomery looks on.

Early goals power kickers past East

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Granite City girls soccer coach Gene Baker said of his Lady Warriors following their second-place finish in the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout, "We're the best team I've seen all year...in the second half."

Baker, who has been hoping for better first-half performances, had to be smiling on Tuesday after GCHS struck for four early goals on its way to an easy 5-2 win over Southwestern Conference foe Belleville East.

"We would have preferred to shut them out," Baker said. "But they are a talented team and we were hurting, so we'll take the win."

Baker's reference was to three key players who were out of action.

Jaime Delibridge, suffering from a bad cold which affects her breath-

GCHS 5, Belleville East 2

GC — Erika Todd (Ishamiah Mohsen)
GC — Michelle Montgomery (Carrie Simpson)
GC — Crystal Timmons (unassisted)
GC — Cristen Seaman (Shannon Bramble)
GC — Ishamiah Mohsen (unassisted)

Goalkeepers — Granite City

Shannon Roth (11 shots, 9 saves)
Belleville East: Allison LaForte (10 shots, 7 saves), Nikke Delgado (7 shots, 6 saves).

Lachemann makes pitch to youths

By Mike Beckerle
Staff writer

It's amazing how decisions you make as a youth will affect the rest of your life. Decisions about education and drugs can determine whether you are able to live out your dreams and aspirations.

That was the message Cardinals third base coach Rene Lachemann delivered to a group of kids in the Cardinals dugout at Busch Stadium before the Cardinals' game with the Colorado Rockies April 26.

"I can give you enough money and you can go anywhere around here and buy drugs and guns," Lachemann said to the group. "I know it's out there. But making the right decision about these things will decide your future."

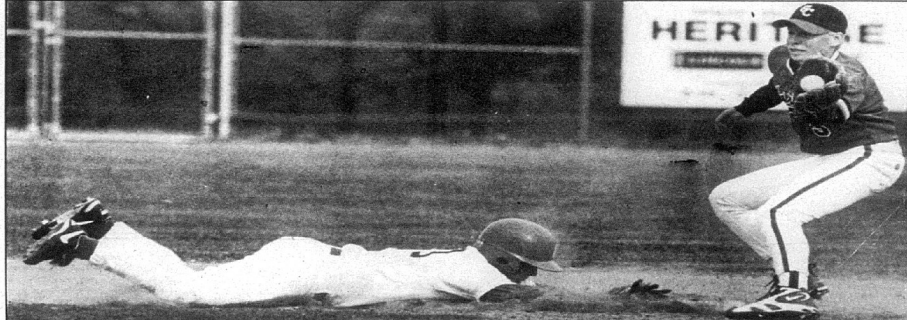
The kids took part in one of the many segments of "Lach's Kids," a program that brings groups of 25 underprivileged children from various area youth organizations to the stadium for a day at the ballpark.

"It's a pleasure to work with the kids," Lachemann said. "Baseball has given me the opportunity to live out my dreams of playing baseball and given me a comfortable life. This is an opportunity for me to give something back to kids who may not otherwise get the chance to see a game."

The lucky kids who participate walk away with more than just seeing a Cardinals game. They get the chance to walk onto the playing field and observe the Cardinals during batting practice and pregame warm-ups. They also receive a Cardinals cap, a group picture with the Cardinals and the opportunity to get autographs from Cardinals players.

Lachemann also takes time to talk to the kids about important issues facing them as they grow up in today's world.

"It's all about the kid," he said. (See CARDS, Page 3B)



Scott Smallie takes the throw as Collinsville's Dan Munoz gets back safely during last week's game. The Warriors play

host to East St. Louis in a Southwestern Conference game 4:15 p.m. today.

Gardiner, Tigers stymie GCHS

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

"Our hitting wasn't very good, our defense wasn't very good, and our pitching wasn't very good. Other than that, we played well," said Granite City coach Gus Lagnou of the Warriors' 10-0 drubbing at the hands of Southwestern Conference rival Edwardsville "on Tuesday."

The humor hid the pain of yet another game where GCHS hung tough early before self-destructing.

The Tigers struck for a first-inning run, which turned out to be all they would need. Lead-off batter Colin Gardiner worked Dustin Brewer to a full count before walking. He moved to second on Jason Martintoni's groundout and took third as Mark Bigger was retired on a grounder to short.

Gardiner was then chased home on a sharp single to center by Matt Evers.

The Warriors put two men

Edwardsville 10, Granite City 0									
EHS	ab	r	h	bl	GCHS	ab	r	h	bl
Gardiner	3	2	2	0	Smallie	2	0	1	0
Martintoni	3	1	1	1	Edwards	2	0	0	0
Bigger	4	1	1	1	Brumley	2	0	0	0
Evers	3	1	2	0	Rallone	2	0	0	0
Quinn	3	1	2	0	Hayden	2	0	0	0
Selbert	2	1	2	0	Wintburng	2	0	0	0
Crouthers	3	0	0	0	Brewer	1	0	0	0
Apple	2	0	0	0	Kelly	2	0	0	0
Hutton	2	0	0	0	Guffay	1	0	1	0
McCoey	1	1	1	0	Wintild	1	0	0	0
Hampson	2	0	0	0	Parker	1	0	0	0
Total	28	10	17	7	Totals	17	0	2	0

Granite City	ab	r	h	bl	EHS	ab	r	h	bl
Edwardsville	10	0	0	0	104	0	0	0	0
Total	38	10	17	7	121	0	0	0	0

2B -- Spilhaus 1, Madsonind 1 3B -- Fours

Edwardsville: Granite City 104 GS — 10
2B — Sublett, Martintoni, HR — Evers, 1
McClay, 1B — Hayden, 1

Edwardsville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Smallie, W	4	0	0	0	0	3
Edwards	1	0	0	0	0	0
Granite City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brewer, L	4 1/3	5	9	8	0	0
Parker	2 2/3	5	1	0	0	0

on with two outs in the second, but couldn't get a run home. The score remained 1-0 heading into the third inning.

Gardiner, the Tigers' starting pitcher, led off the third with an infield hit on a two-strike pitch. He advanced to second on a wild pitch. Brewer then overthrew second in a

pickoff attempt, and Gardiner scooted to third.

Martintoni fouled off four quality pitches before stroking the key hit of the game, a ringing liner to left-center that bounced once before clearing the fence for a ground-rule double. Bigger followed with a single that right fielder John Kelly charged and overran, allowing Bigger to get all the way to third base.

One out later, Chad Opel reached first on an error by Vince Whittenburg. He stole second and came home on a double by Nick Seibert. That ended the scoring, leaving GCHS in a 5-0 hole.

The Warriors' only real threat on the afternoon came in the third inning. Mike Guffey reached first when his hard grounder was bobbled by Bigger at short.

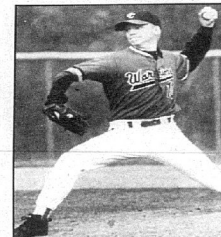
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Mike Ahlvers delivers a pitch against Collinsville.

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Gardiner took it from there, with fifth-inning help to improve his season slate to 6-1. (See GCHS, Page 3B)

Coaches provide measure of prep athletes' values

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

3rd of 5 parts

This is the third of a five-part series, "The Hidden Side of Coaching," an examination of what goes on for high school coaches behind the scenes and away from the playing field.

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"Fifteen years ago, we didn't need to worry about getting kids who had a misguided value system or no value system at all," said Alton football

coach Bob Shannon. "But, today, it is different. Sometimes, I think, we as coaches are more concerned about what certain kids believe and what they are doing, and who they are hanging around with than even their parents are."

"The way kids have fun now is a lot different than the way I had fun when I was growing up. Our fun basically consisted of a party where there was punch, the lights were low and we had records. But today's kids think they can't have fun without drugs, alcohol and sex. It is getting to be a lifestyle with them. And, as a coach, I am deeply concerned that kids today are not the same caliber of kids that I dealt with 15 years ago. Something tragic has happened to their value system."

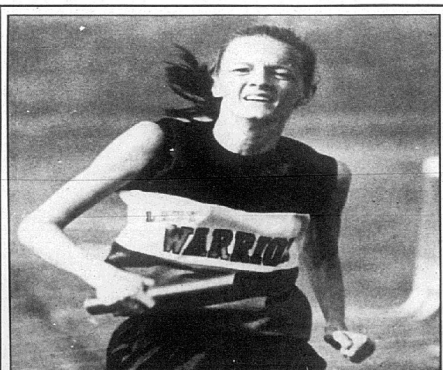
"Many of the structures that safeguarded our kids just a

"We teach values by constantly challenging what each athlete stands for. It is important to me as a coach, if I am to successfully teach these athletes, to find out what they stand for."

— Nino Fennoy
Lincoln coach

few years ago are no longer there," lamented Lincoln girls track coach Nino Fennoy. "Many of the elements that helped kids succeed in sports and in life are no longer there. But the family is there, and it is up to us to teach them."

(See COACHES, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

SWC meet — GCHS sophomore Amy Cox carries the baton in the medley relay during the Madison County Meet last week. The Lady Warriors will compete in the Southwestern Conference meet today at East St. Louis.

STATS 'N STUFF

Journal Writers' Poll Baseball

LARGE SCHOOLS

- Francis Howell N. (16-1).....70
- Edwardsville (18-2).....62
- Belleville East (14-5).....53
- Oakville (11-4-1).....52
- Fox (13-4).....38
- Parkway North (12-4).....27
- Hillboro (14-5).....22
- Pattonville (10-5).....15
- (tie) McCluer (7-3).....14
- (tie) Ft. Zumwalt S. (9-3).....14

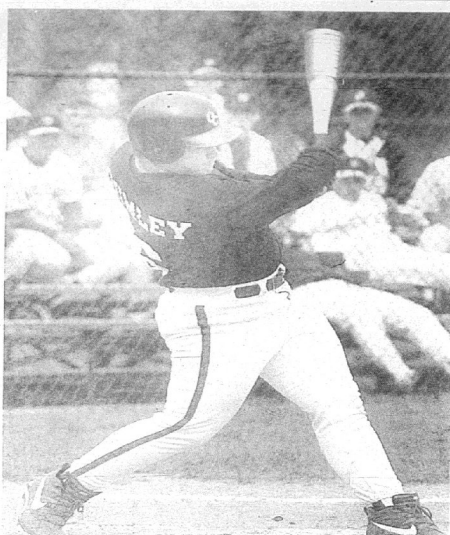
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- Eureka (11-4).....70
- St. Mary's (11-2).....62
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Journal Writers' Poll Girls Soccer

Week of May 7

- Incarinate Word (9-0-2).....60
- Granite City (10-2-1).....54
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- Lafayette (8-3-4).....29
- Cor Jesu (7-3-1).....24
- Fort Zumwalt South (9-2-2).....21
- Hazelwood Central (9-5-1).....17
- Oakville (8-3-5).....8
- (tie) Parkway Central (9-3-1).....7
- (tie) Nerinx Hall (9-5-3).....7



Kirk Brumley makes contact. The Warriors will play host to East St. Louis at 4:15 p.m. today.

BASEBALL

CLASS A
Alton Marquette Regional
Althoff, Alton Marquette, Columbia, Dupo, Loveloy, Metro East Lutheran, Roxana, Valmeyer, Waterloo, Wood River.

Greenville Regional
Brees Central, Brees Mater Del, Brownstown, Carlyle, Greenville, Lebanon, Mulberry Grove, Okawville, Vandalia, Wesclyn.

New Athens Regional
Chester, Coulterville, Freeburg, Marissa, New Athens, Red Bud, Spar-ta, Steeleville, Trico.

Regionals, to be seeded May 20, will be played May 20-26. Regional winners and winner of Benton Regional advance to Marissa Sectional May 31/June 2. Winner advances to Class AA state tournament June 6-7 at Landshier Park in Springfield.

State tournament
Friday, June 13
At Lanphier Park, Springfield
Game 1: Rock Falls Sectional winner vs. Levestown Sectional winner, 10 a.m.
Game 2: Newton Sectional winner vs. Marengo Sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.
Game 3: Marissa Sectional winner vs. Eldorado Sectional winner, 3 p.m.
Game 4: Fairbury Prairie Central Sectional winner vs. Warrensburg Sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11 a.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3 p.m.
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.

CLASS AA
Belleville West Regional
Belleville West, Cahokia, Collinsville, East St. Louis, East St. Louis Lincoln, Waterloo.

Centralia Regional
Belleville East, Centralia, Highland, Mascoutah, O'Fallon, Triad.

Granite City Regional
Alton, Civic Memorial, Edwardsville, Granite City, Jerseyville.

Regionals, to be seeded May 20, will be played May 27-June 3. Regional winners and winner of Marion Regional advance to Edwardsville Sectional June 7-8. Winner advances to Class AA state tournament June 13-14 at Elftstrom Stadium in Geneva.

State tournament
Friday, June 13
At Elftstrom Stadium, Geneva
Game 1: Galesburg Sectional winner vs. South Holland Thornwood Sectional winner, 10 a.m.
Game 2: Chicago Public League winner vs. Barrington Sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.
Game 3: Springfield Sectional winner vs. Niles West Sectional winner, 3 p.m.
Game 4: Edwardsville Sectional winner vs. Oswego Sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14
Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 11 a.m.
Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3 p.m.
State championship: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 7 p.m.

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	7-2	20-2
Alton	7-2	15-2
Belleville East	7-2	15-4
Collinsville	6-4	11-6
Belleville West	4-4	9-7
East St. Louis	2-5	2-7
Granite City	2-7	7-11
Lincoln	0-4	0-8

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Highland	4-1	11-7
Roxana	3-1	10-7
Jerseyville	4-2	14-4
Triad	2-3	5-9
Civic Memorial	4-2	8-8
Mascoutah	2-5	6-12
Wood River	0-4	3-8

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Waterloo	8-0	16-5
New Athens	7-0	15-3
Benton	6-1	15-3
Freeburg	4-3	12-9
Dupo	4-4	12-8
Carlyle	3-5	4-8
Columbia	2-4	4-13
Liberty	1-2	2-8
Red Bud	1-6	6-10
Brees Central	0-8	2-19

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Gilbert	1-2	4-8
Althoff	1-2	4-8
Mater Del	1-2	4-8
M.E. Lutheran	1-2	4-8
Okawville	1-2	4-8
Valmeyer	1-2	4-8
Macquette	1-2	4-8

METRO EAST SOFTBALL

Southwestern		
Team	Conf	Overall
Belleville East	9-0	17-3
Edwardsville	7-2	19-3
Wesclyn	5-1	10-6
Alton	4-4	9-9
Collinsville	4-5	7-8
Lincoln	1-8	1-10
East St. Louis	0-8	0-9

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Civic Memorial	5-0	13-5
Highland	7-1	13-5
Jerseyville	5-3	9-8
Mascoutah	4-3	9-7
Triad	2-4	4-7
Wood River	1-4	1-17
Roxana	0-7	1-15

Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Marissa	7-0	10-4
Libanon	4-1	8-5
Wesclyn	3-1	10-3
Dupo	6-2	11-5
Brees Central	3-2	10-4
Columbia	3-3	7-6
Red Bud	3-4	5-7
Freeburg	3-6	5-15
New Athens	2-5	5-11
Carlyle	0-6	3-12
Waterloo	0-7	0-15

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Althoff	4-0	20-1
Gilbert	4-0	16-7
M.E. Lutheran	3-0	5-6
Vallentyne	1-0	1-14

METRO EAST SOCCER

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Granite City	4-0	11-21
Collinsville	3-1	8-40
Alton	3-2	9-50
Belleville East	2-2	7-42
Edwardsville	0-2	5-21
Belleville West	0-3	2-10
Lincoln	0-3	0-30

Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Triad	4-0	5-01
Roxana	2-01	5-21
Wood River	2-01	3-51
Civic Memorial	0-32	0-72

Independents		
Team	Conf	Overall
Althoff	7-20	7-20
Wesclyn	4-21	4-21
O'Fallon	8-30	8-30
Gilbert	1-31	1-31
M.E. Lutheran	1-31	1-31
Cahokia	1-40	1-40



Jaime Dellbringe works to get past Kelly Young (left) and Carrie Carlson (right) of St. Joseph's Academy during the St. Dominic/Howell North Shootout last week.

SOCCER

Granite City Sectional
Althoff, Belleville East, Belleville West, Brees Mater Dei, Cahokia, Carbondale, Collinsville, East St. Louis, Lincoln, Edwardsville, Gibault, Granite City, Marion, Marissa, East Lutheran, O'Fallon, Roxana, Triad.

Regional games will be played May 24-27 on the home fields of the higher seeded teams. Sectional semifinals will be played May 29, with the championship game May 31. Winner will meet Chatham Glenwood Sectional winner at Collinsville Super-Sectional June 3, with winner advancing to state tournament June 6-7.

State tournament
Friday, June 6
At Naperville Central H.S.
Game 1: LaGrange Lyons Super-Sectional winner vs. Morton Super-Sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.
Game 2: Naperville North Super-Sectional winner vs. Niles West Super-Sectional winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 3: Collinsville Super-Sectional winner vs. Villa Park Super-Sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.
Game 4: Lincolnshire Stevenson Super-Sectional winner vs. Willowbrook Super-Sectional winner, 7:30 p.m.

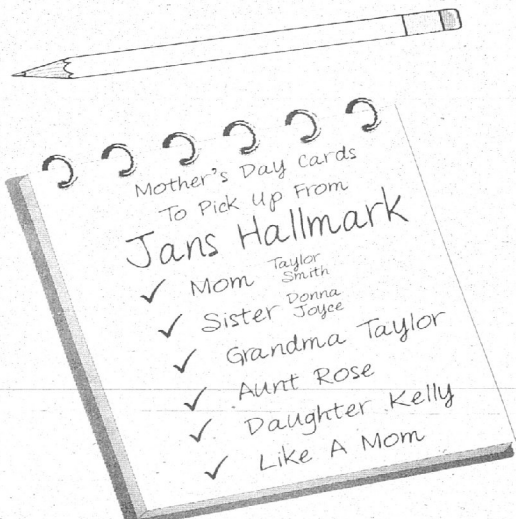
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Third place: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 5 p.m.
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- Garth Beyer.....Old Warson
- Rob Sedoreck.....Norwood Hills
- Wes Taylor.....Belleville
- Mike Tucker.....Belleville
- Jeff Beauregard.....Belleville
- Larry Emery.....Norwood Hills
- Fred Friedman.....Lake Forest
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- Bobby Pavelonis.....Belleville
- Jeff Tucker.....Belleville
- Ted Grob.....Osage Nat
- Bill Lansdowne.....Meadowbrook
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- Wally Young.....Midland Hills
- Bryan Glenn.....Westwood
- Kevin Fisher.....Sunset Hills
- Mike Murphy.....Grand Marais
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Mother's Day - Sunday May 11th

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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When a woman obtains custody of the children in a divorce proceeding, the former husband will usually be granted visitation and ordered to pay child support. If the woman remarries, she may have a desire to have her new husband adopt the children. Before the parties agree to such an arrangement, they should be aware of the consequences of such an action.

If the stepfather adopts the children, he has an obligation to support the children from that point forward. If he and the natural mother are later divorced, he will still be ordered to pay child support. The natural father, on the other hand, will have his parental rights terminated in an adoption proceeding such as this. This means that he will have no more visitation rights with his children, and he will have no more obligation to pay child support.

The mother must realize that she is giving up any right she has to child support from the natural father if the stepfather adoption takes place. The question sometimes arises as to what happens if an adoption proceeding is started but the mother and stepfather later change their minds. A recent Illinois case addressed this issue.

In this matter, the mother asked the father to consent to an adoption of the children by herself and her new husband. The natural father appeared before a judge and signed the consent. The judge informed the father that he was terminating all rights and responsibilities with regard to the children. A few months later, the mother called the natural father and told him she had not gone through with the adoption because the children were opposed to it.

More than a year later, the mother returned to Court in an effort to collect back child support. She argued that since the adoption was never finalized and her ex-husband was made aware of this, his obligation to provide support continued. The Court noted that the ex-husband stopped seeing his children because of the consent to adoption. They felt it was the mother's duty to inform him that there would be no adoption, that he could begin seeing the children and that he should start paying child support again. Since she did not do these things, he did not owe the back child support. The Court decided, however, that he would be obligated to pay future support.

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•Coaches

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is the family that is the key element. If family values are transmitted to young people and they, in turn, bring those values into the athletic or academic realm, chances for success in studies, in sports, and even in life are higher than if those values are not transmitted and brought into these realms. This is why values is an area that must be dealt with by a coach."

But, as Civic Memorial boys soccer coach Don Woelfel admits, "It gets harder every year to communicate life-essential values to kids."

All the coaches agree. "It's probably harder now than ever to teach kids values," Baker said. "Values were, at one time, more appreciated, more sought out by the student. But the world we live in now is much more complex than the world was then. There are more barriers which must be scaled before values can be effectively taught. Kids need a sound value system to succeed in athletics and in life."

"I've got to be concerned, as a teacher, with the quality of this person," Shannon said. Like Lou Holtz has said, "I want these kids not simply to be better athletes, but to be better students and better people. And all these things are interrelated. That's why I can't ignore the character of that young man. If he has some character flaws, I have to try to work with him and get him to understand that I want him to be a better person, and that being a better person will benefit him, not only in the sport, he is playing, but in all aspects of life. We try to change our kids, to make them better than they were when they came to us."

"I see a kid heading in a direction that is dangerous for him," I'll pull him aside and talk with him, said Venice coach Clinton Harris. "Often kids come to me with their problems or when they need advice. I try to teach them right from wrong, try to help them out. Most people don't understand how values and a moral base help a kid in a sport, but I think that most know that they help a kid in

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— Clinton Harris
Venice coach

life. "We try to teach our athletes to carry high moral values," Fennoy said. "We teach values by constantly challenging what each athlete stands for. It is important to me as a coach, if I am to successfully teach these athletes, to find out what they stand for. I find this out through questions and answers, through getting involved in their lives, through investing time with them. I intentionally put my athletes into situations where they must be accountable and responsible for their behavior. Then, based on their response, I know what my response to them must be."

"As a coach, it is important to know the fundamental value system of an athlete so you can build on it and from it. Right and wrong must be questioned. And when you find out an athlete is not on the same level as you are, you can, at least, interject some ideas and, hopefully, stimulate some part of them to think differently and to respond differently."

A coach's work is severely hampered if proper values are not taught at home. Whereas sports teaches crucial life-essential values — discipline, leadership, cooperation, compromise, fairness, responsibility, problem-solving and punctuality," said Rita Menke of Belleville East, and "friendship, community, citizenship, hard work, restraint, respect, discipline, teamwork, endurance and overcoming of adversity," said Tom Pile of Edwardsville — the job of preparing athletes to succeed in sports and life will get done without help from home,

agreed the coaches.

"So much of that sound value system, which produces success in sports and in life, is taught at home," Baker said. "Home helps you get where you need to be. A quality home contributes positively, not only to academics and athletics, but to all of life."

"The better the home, the better chance the athlete has in a sport and in life," said Al Collins of Madison. "Parents must spend quality time with their kids. I encourage parents to figure out what to do and together when you can. Go see a movie together and then talk about it. Or, at the very least, ask them in the evening how their day was and really listen to their response. Then your child can open up and trust. Then, maybe, together we can figure out what to do to get that child through his problem and to get him the breakthrough he deserves."

Harris sounded a very similar note. "Parents need to be involved in the lives of their kids," he said. "They need to support their kids in a sport with encouragement and with attendance whenever possible. Parents need to encourage their kids and support them academically. They need to teach values so that we have a better chance of helping them raise, happy and successful kids."

"I was fortunate," Harris added. "I was brought up well. I went to a Catholic all-boys school. My mother and father taught me right from wrong. I was able to go to college. I was one of the fortunate kids growing up. I succeeded. Family values made the difference. I'm just taking what I've been through and trying to help others, some of whom may not be as fortunate as I was."

Shannon always bluntly tells his players at Alton, as he did at East St. Louis, that even if they don't get values reinforced at home, or even if they don't have quality role models, they can create their own. "It doesn't matter. You must choose proper role models for yourselves. You are still responsible to know right from wrong. And that knowledge will make a key difference in whether or not you succeed or fail."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)
Ismahan Mohsen (right) had the last of three first-half goals in Tuesday's win over Belleville East. The Lady Warriors will play host to Alton today.

•Kickers

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slowly nursed back to health from last week's leg injury. And, making matters worse, Michelle Montgomery severely bruised her ankle.

"We thought it was broken," Baker said. "But it turned out to be a very bad bruise. It's going to be a while before Michelle is able to play at 100 percent."

It left GCHS short-handed Tuesday. But, even so, the Lady Warriors were no match for the Lady Lancers.

GCHS jumped to a 3-0 lead almost before the Lancers knew what had hit them. Erika Todd scored off an Ismahan Mohsen assist, Michelle Montgomery found the net off a

feed from Carrie Simpson and Erika Todd picked up an assist goal.

The Lancers made it 3-1 on a goal by Cristen Seaman, but the Lady Warriors came right back on an unassisted goal by Ismahan Mohsen to take a 4-1 lead after one half.

Erika Todd picked up her second goal midway through the second half, taking a nice pass from Felicia Mohsen and streaking it past the goalie, Nikke Delgado's goal closed the final margin to 5-2. It marked the first time this season that more than one goal had been scored against the GCHS defense.

With the win, the Lady Warriors improved to 4-0 in the Southwestern Conference and 11-2-1 overall. GCHS remains unbeaten and untied against Illinois competition.

"Our focus now is on getting our girls through their injuries and back in action," Baker said.

It can't happen too soon. The Lady Warriors face a pair of tough tests to close out the week, hosting Alton at 4:30 today (with the varsity playing first) and 1996 sectional finalist Chatham Glenwood at 11 a.m. Saturday. Then it's a day of rest before Collinsville comes calling at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

•GCHS

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He allowed only two hits and struck out three in four innings of work. All this despite being sick.

"Gardner threw up eight times before I turned in the lineup card," said Edwardsville coach Tom Pile. "He was really sick. When a guy is that sick and throws up, and goes out and does what he does — gets hit in the foot by a line drive, finishes the inning, legs out an infield hit and sets the table for the big hitters — I'd call him a great competitor."

The Tigers (19-2, 7-2 SWC) put the game away in the fifth inning, sending 10 men to the plate and striking a pair of home runs, one by Evers and another by pinch hitter Chris McCoy.

The Warriors went down on four pitches in the bottom of the fifth.

"It was frustrating and it was hard to watch," said Lignoul of his team's performance. "Since the last time we played, these kids have fielded over 500 ground balls. When we go to practice — two hours a day — we work on nothing but fundamentals. Then we go out on the field and have a hard time doing the simple things. It's getting real hard to watch."

The Warriors (7-11, 2-7) committed four errors, including a pair that allowed runners to advance two bases.

"Obviously, we're not very consistent either," Lignoul said. "We've only got three kids hitting over .300. But, our real problem is a lack of overall team speed. As good as our kids are, their speed is not very good. As a result, we've got to get two or three hits just to get one run. It's hard for us to watch what Edwardsville did in the first inning and score a run while only getting one hit."

"We've had trouble moving kids along all year. Some of us has to do with execution, but a lot of it has to do with an overall lack of speed. We have to put hits together to score runs. And, to be honest, we're just not that good."

GCHS hosts East St. Louis in a 4:15 p.m. game today and travels to Springfield for an 11 a.m. doubleheader Saturday.

•Cards

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said. "We try to get them on a good line in thinking about education and staying away from the things that can ruin their future."

Lachemann and his wife, Lauri, began the program four years ago, when Lachemann managed the Florida Marlins and have continued it with much success in St. Louis.

"When Rene and I went to Florida, we wanted to find some way that we could get involved in the community," Lauri said. "So we put together this program."

Lachemann witnessed first hand what underprivileged children experience as they grow up. As a youngster, Lachemann lived near and played baseball in the Watts area of Los Angeles.

"We had gangs back then too, but guys fought with their fists," he said. "Now they fight with guns. Now there is very little respect for life."

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued from the St. Clair County Clerk's office for the month of April.

*Bernard Heintz, and Cindy Gregory, both of Collinsville.

*Daniel Johnson, and Jolene Dunigan, both of Scott Air Force Base.

*Erik Johnson, Belleville, and Kimberlee Pharis, O'Fallon.

*Thomas Jones, and Beverly Baker, both of Belleville.

*Robert Kaiser, Belleville, and Sharon Hausman, Smithton.

*Martin Lang, and Melissa Basden, both of Collinsville.

*Darryl Adkins Sr., East St. Louis, and Tracey Haley, Cahokia.

Janulavich-Greathouse

Terri A. Janulavich, daughter of Norman and Sharon Owca of Granite City, and Scott J. Greathouse, son of Walter and Mildred Greathouse of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Janulavich, a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1989 graduate of Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Mo., is employed by Highland Supply Corporation of Highland as an executive assistant.

Greathouse, a 1982 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1986 graduate of Southern Illinois University, is employed by Highland Supply Corporation of Highland as a sales representative.

A September 1997 wedding at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville is being planned.



Terri Janulavich and Scott Greathouse



Mr. and Mrs. Neal Howard 1997 and 1947



Howard - 50 years

Neal E. and Clementine J. Howard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 12, 1997, with a family dinner at Outback Steak House in Swansea.

Mr. Howard and the former Clementine Wiedowder were married at St. Mark's Rectory in Venice on April 12, 1947, by the Rev. Father F. Klesner.

He is retired from Granite City Steel where he worked for 36 1/2 years and served in the Navy from 1943 - 1946. They are the parents of three children, Sharon Kremers of Granite City, Neal "Sonny" Howard Jr. of Pontoon Beach and Arthur Howard, who died in 1985 from a heart attack while serving with the U.S. Air Force in Germany.

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Thursday, May 8
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on to new heights.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). A special someone may not be the perfect Mr. or Ms. Right, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't enjoy your time together. Your boss will be difficult — this may be a test. You are invincible. Compile a wish list of short-term goals.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Allies formed turn into rivals and vice versa. Supervise other groups at work, but don't let them know — you prevent a mistake and ruffled feathers. A remodeling project goes famously. Refine your style.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's time to form an alternative support network. Your sexiest side has been in hiding — invite it out. A double date is lucky. Profitable plans begin to show results. A new friendship isn't immediately understood.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Clairvoyant dreams may change the way you decide to live. Examine friendships — there is a reason for the strong kinship. A password or secret information accidentally falls into your hands. Let your love know your intentions.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why not back away for perspective? A lucrative income source will continue to be fertile. Set your mind on a new goal. A jolly acquaintance needs your objective opinion. Someone older has sensible reasoning, so listen.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 8). Sharpen your talents on fierce competition this month. Don't allow problems to go unsolved. Your influence increases through July — use it to earn more money or gain clients. Love is precious in August but must grow strong



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't neglect life's mundane details, such as bills and bank deposits. Consult smart friends for romantic tips. Influential sweethearts could change your salary for the better, but wait until opportune moments to call favors.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your sex appeal doesn't go to waste — still, some temptations are meant to be resisted. Relatives have lucky news. Praise is plentiful when you are able to apply an age-old truth, unlocking a troublesome puzzle.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). True love is worth any inconvenience. Use your special touch with nervous clients. If you are in an

enviable position, keep a low profile just for today to prevent problems that bloom from someone else's jealousy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are fiercely magnetic but still must work for your money. Sentimental gatherings are impromptu. A friend has ulterior motives for seemingly harmless behavior.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your love life could use some spice. Step back and evaluate your role in the workplace. Let junior members of the office lead creative discussions for a change.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Explore alternative routes to super achievement. You feel more in control of your own career destiny when the boss indicates great trust in you. Social obligations allow plenty of time for family, too.

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